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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE SC MEETING ON ISRAELI RESCUE OPERATION

REF: (A) STATE 166719 (REPEATING STATE 166529)

(B) CAIRO 9128 (NOTAL)

1. REFTEL (A) JUST RECEIVED. ASSUME NO ACTION IS TO BE TAKEN WITH GOE UNTIL AND UNLESS UNSC IS CALLED INTO SESSION TO DEBATE ISRAELI RESCUE OPERATION.

2. GOE, IN PERSON OF FAHMY, HAS PUBLICLY CONDEMNED ISRAELI OPERATION. HIS EVEN STRONGER DENUNCIATION, AS GIVEN TO AMBASSADOR, WAS REPORTED REFTEL B (EXDIS). HE DISMISSES PUBLIC CHARGES OF UGANDAN COLLABORATION WITH HIJACKERS AS ISRAELI FABRICATIONS INTENDED JUSTIFY WHAT HE REGARDS AS AN ILLEGAL ISRAELI ACTION. FAHMY'S REACTION IS BASED PARTLY ON CHAGRIN THAT ISRAELIS COULD SUCCESSFULLY MOUNT SUCH AN OPERATION AND PARTLY ON OAU CONSIDERATIONS. HE HAS SAID THAT GOE WILL SUPPORT UGANDAN CALL FOR UNSC MEETING IF SUCH CALL IS MADE. AT SUCH MEETING, GOE MAY BE EXPECTED ASSOCIATE ITSELF
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WITH THOSE DEMANDING A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING ISRAELI

ACTION.

3. AT SAME TIME, GOE IS PUBLICLY ON RECORD AS OPPOSING
TERRORISM, WHICH WOULD BE PEG ON WHICH A DEMARCHE COULD
BE HUNG TO REQUEST SUPPORT FOR AN OPERATIVE PARA RE
EVERY GOVERNMENT'S OBLIGATION TO END ACTS OF TERRORISM.
PROBLEM THIS INSTANCE WILL BE THAT, DESPITE GENERAL
NATURE OF PROPOSED PARA, GOE WILL RECOGNIZE IT IS
DIRECTED AGAINST UGANDA AND WILL PROBABLY OPPOSE IT.
IF THERE IS TO BE ANY CHANCE OF GETTING GOE TO GO ALONG,
WE WILL HAVE TO PROVIDE
FAHMY WITH SOME STRONG EVIDENCE
OF UGANDAN INVOLVEMENT IN AIDING AND ABETTING HIJACKERS.
EVEN WITH CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE TO THAT EFFECT, GOE MAY
STILL FIND IT POLITICALLY NECESSARY FOLLOW OAU CONSENSUS.

4. ON CONTINGENCY BASIS, WE WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING
DETAILED STATEMENT RE UGANDAN INVOLVEMENT FOR USE WITH
FAHMY WHEN AND IF NEEDED.
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